

November 29, 1981

The annual Congregational meeting of United Evangelical Church was held on Sunday November 29, 1981, at 11:10 A.M. in Friendship Hall. Mr. George Tuerk presided over this meeting. It is his last meeting as president of the Church Council at this time.

Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from the previous congregational meeting were read. Not hearing any corrections, they were approved as read.

Minutes from previous special congregational meeting were read also. Not hearing any corrections they were approved as read.

Mr. Tuerk stated that the only thing to come before this meeting would be the following:

1--To vote for new council members

2-- To hear and discuss the proposed new budget and vote on it.

3-- Mr. Voelker would brief members by a report on membership.

Mr. Tuerk thanked all who helped in the Sour Beef and Oyster supper, including all organizations as well as individually. We served 1019 meals plus carry-outs. We made a profit of 3,395.00 dollars.

Next we had our elections of new council members. Mr. Tuerk explained there were 8 vacancies on the council, but only 6 members were to be elected voted on. Whoever was elected for president, then he or she would appoint 2 persons to serve on the council for one year. The elected persons would serve for two years. The persons elected today, would in turn be elected to offices at the regular council meeting.

While ballots were being distributed, Mr. Tuerk asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Mr. William Raddatz and Mrs. Gertrude Everett was nominated to be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Tuerk asked Mr. William Single, Mr. William Hoffman Sr. and Mrs. Marty Craig to count the ballots. The count went thus:

Ruth Beckwith---83

Grace Fadar-----76

Florence Gundlach--89

Samuel Jones-----82

Louis Parker Sr.---85

William Raddatz----75

William Voelker----90

Gertrude Everett---27

Mr. Tuerk congratulated the members that were elected. He also told us that at the regular council meeting coming up in a few days, the new officers of the council would be elected for the next 2 years.

The next thing on the agenda was the new proposed budget, but before Mr. Single took the floor, Mr. Tuerk read a letter from the Church School, which had a check enclosed for 500.00 dollars donated to the church, possibly toward heating the building.

Mr. Single spoke on the result of our difficulty with Bay Welding company had been settled. The church has paid 1000.00 dollars to Bay Welding for services rendered and each has released the other from their agreements. Mr. Single further stated that the church was in a little bit better position than a few months ago, but still was not in as good a shape as we could be. In addition to increasing our income thru the Sour Beef and Oyster supper of around 3300.00 dollars and an increase in contributions, such as:

1-Senior choir---750.00

2- Youth Group---500.00

3-Young Women's guild--1000.00

Mr. Single went on to report that the new proposed budget had quite a few cuts and eliminations this year. For one thing, the janitor has been eliminated as an employee, and is now working under contractual conditions at 3 days a week. Also the pastor's salary has been reduced in cash from 13,650.00 a year to 12,000.00. The additional 1650.00 would not be taken away from the pastor, it would be paid to him probably on a quarterly basis <sup>under a Special Contract</sup> on a pastor's furnishings allowance, which is for tax

purposes. The report went on to say that spec. Fees, S.S. etc. were reduced. Hosp. and Disab. Ins. Employees Health Ins. had been increased.

Pastor Hengen reported that since the last council meeting we had recieved the request form on Pension and Relief from the Pensions boards of the United Church of Christ. and that the following recommendations were:

- 1--Pension fund contribution to be 14% of the salary basis per year.
- 2--A housing allowance of 30% of cash salary.

Pastor Hengen thought that since this church provides the parsonage for his family, and has not paid this allowance, should consider as an alternative to the 14% of the cash salary to add on the 30% housing allowance. This was discussed briefly, but nothing was decided.

As the rest of the proposed budget went on to be explained as to the reductions and increases, Mr. Single asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Tuerk asked for a motion to accept the budget. A motion was made by Ms. Call Myers to accept the budget and seconded by Billy Hoffman. The motion was carried and the new budget for 1982 was accepted. Thus making our budget as follows.

1981	1982	DIFFERENCE
80,429.00	63,145.00	17,284.00

Mr. Single told the congregation that this budget was designed so that the church would be able to meet obligations toward operating this church.

Mr. Tuerk then gave the floor to Mr. Voelker, who gave a report on membership attendance. This was just a general attendance record so we could see the steady decline of membership.

1977--12,900 members	1980--9,500 members
1978--12,000 members	1981--8,331 members
1979--10,400 members	

Broken down int services, it would be as follows:

- 8:00 A.M.--52 attending
- 10:30 A.M.--104 attending

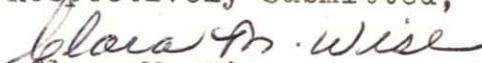
This is how the church stands now on membership, on a monthly basis.

At this time, Mr. Tuerk called on Mrs. Hengen, who in turn donated 500.00 dollars to the church, on behalf of the Ladies Aid. Mr. Tuerk thanked her and the Ladies Aid for their generous contribution.

Mr. Tuerk thanked everyone that worked with him in the council and urged everyone to cooperate and work with the new council. He expressed his good wishes to the new council and offered his knowledge and support with the new council whenever they needed him.

Mr. Voelker made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Hoffman.

Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer, with the whole congregation joining in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted;  
  
 Clara M. Wise  
 Secretary to the Church  
 Council